

In case there's someone who doesn't know by now, my address is now 421 19th Ave. NE, Calgary, Alta., Canada T2E 1N9. The old address is valid until the end of June, but I pick up mail there once a week only, so don't expect rapid service.

A few upcoming events: my girlfriend Marge is leaving next Sunday for three weeks in England and Ireland, so I'll catch up a lot of Diplomacy ends in that time period. However, one of those weekends, probably July 6-8, I'll be going to a folk festival and won't be home until late Monday night, so don't bother phoning. If I don't go to the Winnipeg festival that weekend, I'll go to the Vancouver one the next, but Winnipeg has the edge.

The last two weeks in August, I'm going to Ontario, but expect as usual to be totally absorbed in family affairs. I expect to leave Calgary Aug. 14 and return Aug. 30; I haven't yet decided what to do about the games.

And that's the future. Now for the present.

Game 1977AN, Winter 1906: The protest has been withdrawn, and the game can proceed. There are no player changes. Austria stood pat. Austria stood pat. England retreated f eng-wal, f bel-nth, built f edi. France built f mar. Italy retreated f ion-tun, built a van. Turkey built a ank. Spring orders are due (to my new address, see above) Monday, June 30. Two COAs: Paul Rauterberg, 8898 W. Waterford Square S., Greenfield, WI 53228, USA; phone (414)-541-9174; and Mike Carroll, 172 Bruce St., London, Ont., Canada N6C 1H1. Nice to get this game on the rails again...

Game 1978Efk, Fall 638 Bagan: Oh shifts. Persia in fact submitted orders, which I misplaced. This occasions a few changes, which are:

Persians: F RedSea-UpperEgypt; A Susa-Basra, s by F PersianGulf;
 A Assyria-Mosul; A Nishapur-Susa; A Elburz s A Samarra;
 A Zagrulais-Baghdad, s by A Samarra; A Samarkand-12 (impossible);
 A Fahiridien-EastArmenia, c by F MareCaspicum; A Gauda h;
 F GulfOman-Oman; F WestArabia-GulfAden; A Somalia-Ethiopia
Arabs: A UpperEgypt s A NorthSinal-Alexandria; A Baghdad s A Mosul-Samarra;
 A Mosul-Samarra; others as previously ordered.
Barbarians (for whatever it's worth...) A EastArmenia s A WestArmenia;
 others as previously ordered.

Centres: Ara: Retreat A Bas to Bah or disband, Lose Bas, don't gain Sam (16)
 Remove 1 unless A Bas disbands.
 Per: Gain Sam, Bas (17) Build 3.
 Other countries as previously indicated.

The new deadline is a week later, Mon., July 23. And of course Steve Payne's standby orders are no longer needed. See page 2 for Steve Cartier's COA.

Game 1978Qhb Error: You fix one, another falls apart. In the listing of Pictish units I incorrectly typed "FoF". The fleet is in fact in the Firth of Clyde. With any luck, we'll have (another...) correction in a week's time. Until then... (damn!)

To Bill Lafosse: Yes, you missed a standby request (marked on envelope front).

Game 1977A Chf. 49 B.C.: CLEOPATRA SWEEPS HISPANIA, BITES FEEDING ROMAN HAND (Triumvirate) - BUT HAS SHE GOT THE HORSES IN THE EAST?

Due to a groundswell of player opinion, we are abandoning prophetics and converting to the North American system.

Caesar (Vic Melucci): F NovaCartago (outlaw) s A Saguntum (ann.); A Saguntum (outlaw) s F NovaCartago (ann.); A Venetia-Ravenna, s by A CisalpineGaul; A Massilia s A CisalpineGaul; A Aquitania s A Massilia; A EastCeltica-UpperGermania; T Belgica-EastCeltica.

Crassus (Trevor Baillie): A Dura-Tyre, s by A Palmyra; A Seleukia-Dura; F LevantineSea-Jerusalem; F IssusGulf-Sidon, s by A Antioch; F EgyptianSea-LevantineSea; A Crete s F AegeanSea; A Pergamum-Palla, s by F AegeanSea, s by T Thrace; A Nicomedia s T Thrace; A Ephesus h; A Armenia h, s by A Pontus.

Egypt (Steve Cartier): A Iberia-Saguntum; F IberianSea-NovaCartago, s by A Malacca; F SouthTyrrhenian-Neapolis, s by F Syracuse; F SouthAdriatic-NorthAdriatic; F MelitaSea-SouthAdriatic; A Charax-Cyrene, s by A Libya; F BarcaSea-EgyptianSea; F Alexandria-LevantineSea, s by F Sidon (latter ann.); A Tyre-Palmyra (ann.); F PamphylianSea-IssusGulf; A Philadelphia^{Dura}

Pompey (Fred Winter, but see below): F Larissa(ec)-AegeanSea, s by F EuxineSea & F Korinth; F IonianSea-Epirus, s by T Moesia; A Colchis h; A Athens s F Korinth.

Senate (Steve Payne): A Neapolis-Rome (ann.); F Rome-Etruria, s by F NorthTyrrhenian; A Etruria-Ravenna, s by F Brundisium; F Sardinia-SouthTyrrhenian; F LigurianSea s EGY A Iberia-Saguntum.

Retreat: Crassus' F Aeg to Pal (a failed convoy order has no effect on the destination), Pam for disband.

COA: Steve Cartier, Box 7793, Riverside, CA 92513. See p. 1 for my COA. Fred Winter has resigned; Pompey shall be played by Dave Pengelly. All other addresses in #252. Fall orders are due Mon., July 30.

Explaining a couple of things people asked about recently:

(1) Konrad Baumeister, the zine reviews haven't appeared recently because: -I have little time to do more than skim the zines I've received for the last few months, hardly an adequate basis on which to form an opinion; -They in fact do take up a lot of time - at least an hour per review, when you take into account the paging and arithmetic involved.

(2) Bernie Oaklyn, printing updated address lists every so often has several reasons: -it helps the CDO Census compiler; -it helps non-players find addresses they might want; -it makes a handy compilation for players to keep their address lists up to date; -it saves me a great deal of time and space (can you imagine typing out a complete list of player addresses for a game every time a standby is called on?).

Also, Bernie: -I have no game openings contemplated in the foreseeable future - it'll likely be a year at least, and that's a wild guess; -please send material concerning 1978L to Blair Cusack, not to me.